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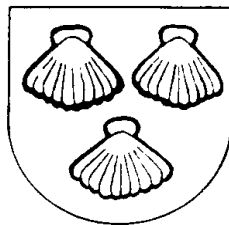
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“The Other Way”

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Gathering

Prelude

“The Old Rugged Cross”

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Song of Preparation

“A Wilderness Wandering People”

We are a wilderness wandering people on a journey of the soul.
May we find our destination in our longing to be whole.
Our Holy God is calling to us.
With Jesus by our side may compassion be our compass;
may the Spirit be our guide, on The Way, on The Way, on The Way.

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Prayer for the Path

Jan Petrosch

Jesus of Palm Sunday parades, be with us on The Way.

**We wonder if we have what it takes to truly march in the name of justice and love for all people.
Are we able to sacrifice the paths that benefit only us for the ones that make a way in the wilderness
for the least? We come seeking your courage and resolve in order to follow your way of love.
Amen.**

Scripture

Matthew 21: 1-11: Luke 19:39-40

Jan Petrosch

*Opening Hymn

“Hosanna”

1. Hosanna hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

Chorus

Lord we lift up Your name
With hearts full of praise
By exalted of Lord my God
(1st) Hosanna in the highest
(2nd) Glory to the King of kings

2. Glory glory
Glory to the King of kings
Glory glory
Glory to the King of kings

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Passing the Peace

Jan Petrosch

Proclaiming

Children’s Message

Tainya Clarke

Hymn

“Hosanna” (reprise)
1. Hosanna hosanna Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna hosanna Hosanna in the highest

Scripture

Philippians 2: 5-11 (NRSVUE)

Jan Petrosch

Hymn

“His Name Is Wonderful”

UMH 174

Chorus

His name is Wonderful His name is Wonderful
His name is Wonderful Jesus my Lord
He is the mighty King Master of everything
His name is Wonderful Jesus my Lord

Verse

He’s the great Shepherd the Rock of all ages
Almighty God is He
Bow down before Him love and adore Him
His name is Wonderful Jesus my Lord

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Scripture

Matthew 26: 14-25

Hymn

“Ah, Holy Jesus” (vs. 2)

UMH 289

2. Who was the guilty who brought this upon Thee
Alas my treason Jesus hath undone Thee
'Twas I Lord Jesus I it was denied Thee
I crucified Thee

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Scripture

Matthew 26: 30-39

Hymn

“Out of the Depths I Cry to You” (vs. 1)

UMH 515

1. Out of the depths I cry to you
O Lord now hear me calling
Incline your ear to my distress
In spite of my rebelling
Do not regard my sinful deeds
Send me the grace my spirit needs
Without it I am nothing

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Scripture

Matthew 27: 11-13, 24-26

Hymn

“Hallelujah! What a Savior” (vs.1 & 2)

UMH 165

1. Man of sorrows what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim
What a Savior what a Savior

2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude
In my place condemned he stood
Sealed my pardon with his blood
What a Savior what a Savior

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Scripture

Matthew 27: 27-37

Hymn

“To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest (vs. 1-3)

UMH 285

1. To mock your reign O dearest Lord
They made a crown of thorns
Set you with taunts along that road
From which no one returns
They could not know as we do now
How glorious is that crown
That thorns would flower upon your brow
Your sorrows heal our own

2. In mock acclaim O gracious Lord
They snatched a purple cloak
Your passion turned for all they cared
Into a soldier’s joke
They could not know as we do now
That though we merit blame
You will your robe of mercy throw
Around our naked shame

3. A sceptered reed O patient Lord
They thrust into your hand
And acted out their grim charade
To its appointed end
They could not know as we do now
Though empires rise and fall
Your Kingdom shall not cease to grow
Till love embraces all

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Scripture

Matthew 27: 45-54

Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

UMH 298

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

2. Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to his blood

3. See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

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Message

“Where ARE You?”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Responding

Song of Contemplation

[sung]

Meet me in the stillness, Lord Be the air I breathe
Meet me in the stillness, Lord Free me to receive

Jan Petrosch

Prayer and Contemplation

Lord’s Prayer

***Doxology**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

UMH 95

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Going Forth

Choral Meditation

“God So Loved the World”

Chancel Choir

Sir John Stainer

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Response: “We will follow on The Way.”

Recessional

“God So Loved the World” (reprise)

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Postlude

“Nothing but the Blood/When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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A Daily Lenten Habit

Let us begin and end each day in prayer. Let us linger with Scripture not to master it, but to be shaped by it. Let us practice silence and meditation, allowing the Spirit to search, convict, and console us.

Guided Lenten Prayer for the Fast

Holy God, As we fast, empty us any selfishness or that which does not seek justice for our neighbors.

As we pray, fill us with your Spirit.

As we give, loosen our grip on fear and scarcity.

As we serve, teach us compassion without condition.

As we walk mindfully, make us aware of your presence in every step.

By Easter, raise us into new life; more faithful, more loving, more joyful in Christ. Amen.

Morning Prayer (5-10 minutes)

Invocation: Lord, Jesus Christ, I offer you this day. As I fast, shape my yearnings, guide my steps, and make me an instrument of your love. As I grow in my discipleship, increase my desire to serve others in your Name.

Scripture Reading: Follow the [Daily Lectionary Readings](#) for the Lenten Season

Monday, March 30, 2026: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 31, 2026: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

Wednesday, April 1, 2026: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

Thursday, April 2, 2026: Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, April 3, 2026: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Saturday, April 4, 2026: Job 14:1-14; Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8

Silence (1-3 minutes) Breathe slowly and repeat: Christ, be my sufficiency.

Midday Practice (2-5 minutes)

Mindfulness Pause:

Stop. Breathe. Notice God's presence.

Ask: Where have I seen Christ today? How may I open my heart more to others?

Evening Examen (10-15 minutes)

Become aware of each breath as you inhale and exhale. Listen for the Spirit's leading.

1. Name moments of grace.
2. Examine where you loved well and where you resisted love.
3. Offer any failure to God's mercy.
4. Seek God's strength and power for tomorrow.

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